

Brooks expresses concern about senators' participation

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Barry Brooks, SG vice-president of student services, expressed concern about ticket sales and senators not participating in committees in a *Battalion* interview Tuesday.

Said Brooks, "It seems like most students don't think student government does anything. And I agree. Not much is new in student services."

"Last year we were tied up in by-laws. We are addressing ourselves to policy and regulations all the time."

"Student services is what students can relate to more. They aren't interested in our by-laws."

Most student government action benefiting students, like shuttle bus, refrigerator and health insurance, come from student services, he said.

Brooks said out of 23 senators who signed up last spring to work on student service projects, only four have expressed interest in him in specific areas.

ticket sales will be voted on at next Wednesday's senate meeting.

Brooks said the Athletic Department will go along with whatever recommendation the senate makes.

The resolution limiting ticket sales will result in longer but faster lines according to him.

Acknowledging that the limit would not solve the ticket shortage problem, Brooks said the seniority system in sales should be abolished.

"A freshman pays as much. Why shouldn't he have as good an opportunity for a good seat?" asked Brooks.

He is now investigating the feasibility of a Watts line, a Master-Charge Card for students (first introduced at California State University, Hayward), and a student Co-op system.

Also being studied is the legality of an Off Campus Association making agreements with utility companies so day students won't have to pay deposits.

A senior building and construction major, Brooks became involved in student services last year as a senator representing the College of Architecture.

Policy to remain with Silver Taps

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Silver Taps will continue to be held in accordance with the present policy.

Dr. John J. Koldus, vice-president for student services, decided this Thursday during a discussion with various student leaders and members of the administration.

The meeting was prompted by the scheduling of Silver Taps two weeks in a row. Some said that the increased number of students this year, Silver Taps might become a regular occurrence and would lose some of its meaning.

There were some questions raised about the library and MSC closing for the ceremony and not reopening after its conclusion.

At the start of the discussion, Gen. Ormond R. Simpson, assistant vice president for student services, suggested having a regularly scheduled Silver Taps on the last Monday of the month. Several students raised objections to this on the grounds that it would make Silver Taps less personal.

In answer to this, Howard Perry, associate vice-president for student services, said that there is some immediate action taken by the university when a student dies. In the event of a student's death, flowers and a letter of condolences are sent to the family.

Objections were also raised against some students not turning out lights or making excessive noise such as playing stereos too loud during Silver Taps. Dr. Charles W. Powell, director of Student Affairs, said the present policy regarding this is for RAs to request students to keep their windows covered if they are not going to turn out their lights.

Koldus decided that it is presently an inappropriate time to change the scheduling of Silver Taps. The ceremony will continue to be held as close to the funeral of the student as is conveniently possible. Another meeting will be held in the spring to discuss the possibility of re-scheduling Silver Taps for next fall. Dr. Koldus also said he will contact the library about remaining open during Silver Taps.

If the 23 senators could work three or four hours every other week, a lot could be done, he said.

"They owe it to their constituents. I don't know why they don't. If I did, I would try to solve it."

"I can't spend all my time trying to build fires under people," said Brooks mentioning he uses executive aides to find information on various projects for him.

Brooks introduced a senate resolution limiting students to buying a ticket for themselves and their date instead of the present 20 ticket limit.

"Why 20 tickets? It's an arbitrary figure. I think it's reasonable to assume people will be going with a date."

"The only justification for four is if a couple wanted to go with another couple. But where do you cut it off?" he asked.

The exact figure of the limit on

Journalists flock convention

Journalists from Texas junior colleges are coming to A&M this weekend to attend a convention on newspaper, magazine and yearbook work.

Under the jurisdiction of the Texas Junior College Press Association, the group will hear feature speaker investigative reporter Nathan H. Adams of Reader's Digest.

The 200 delegates, both students and faculty, will arrive Sunday evening for the two-day meeting in Rudder Tower. The convention will

cover straight news, photography, editing and makeup.

James Meagher, assistant managing editor for the National Observer, leads the group of speakers on newspaper topics. Other speakers are Tommy Miller who covered the Huntsville prison story for the Houston Chronicle, Nadeane Walker, Dallas Times Herald reporter; Dr. Martin Gibson, University of Texas at Austin and Professor David McHam, Southern Methodist University.

Basketball coach Shelby Metcalf

will speak on coach-reporter relations.

Both the Texas Daily Newspaper Association and Texas Press Association representatives will conduct a session on junior college journalism internships.

The Houston chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators will hold magazine sessions. Also speaking will be F. H. Roberts, Shell Oil Co. editor and design-photography manager.

Engineering students receive scholarships

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Houstonians William A. Coskey and Frank A. McLane, Jr., each received the Frank Cleveland Bolton scholarship of \$300. The award is donated by former students of the late A&M president. The students were chosen for the awards by the faculty.

Becker is the senior recipient of the scholarship and is enrolled in the senior elective course in Power Systems analysis. Reed is the junior recipient.

Dr. William B. Jones, head of the EE department, said at the presentation, "My one complaint is that there are no more awards to give."

Photography and yearbook production will be handled by Dr. Otha Spenser, East Texas State; Mrs. Kathy Leabo, former director of the Associated Collegiate Press in Minneapolis and D-Eon Priest, Taylor Publishing Co.

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